## **BARBADOS**

**SECTOR:** Environment

**PROJECT NAME:** Solid Waste Management Program

(1130/OC-BA)

TOTAL COST: \$22 million

FINANCING:

**IDB** \$13 million **LOCAL** \$ 9 million

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** October 14, 1998

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The program will develop a waste management system that protects the

environment, improves public health standards and encourages private sector participation. It will consist of three components: (a) final disposal facilities; (b) environmental education and promotion of waste-reduction activities; and (c) institutional strengthening and

studies.

The final disposal system will include the construction and operation of four key components: (a) an engineered sanitary landfill; (b) a transfer station and transfer equipment; (c) a bulky waste landfill; and (d) a yard waste composting facility. This component will also include road improvements. The education component includes: (a) consumer education (media campaigns and printed materials); (b) seminars and technical assistance at the community level for backyard composting; and (c) technical assistance for waste audits to business and industry.

The Environmental Engineering Division and the Sanitation Service Authority (which will become the Waste Management Corporation) will be strengthened. The institutional strengthening component includes: (a) training in technical and operational aspects of

solid waste management; (c) technical assistance in accounting and financial procedures; (c) assistance and training in contract administration; (d) office equipment; and environmental monitoring equipment. The component will also include studies in the following areas: (a) financial mechanisms for cost recovery; (b) improvement of

collection and containment of solid waste; and (c) hazardous waste

disposal.

**CONSULTANTS:** The program includes funds to hire consultants for: (a) engineering

supervision (already hired); (b) the collection and containment study (already hired); (c) the cost recovery study; (d) environmental education (already hired); and (e) institutional strengthening (already

hired).

**GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:** The procurement process to purchase goods and equipment has been

completed. The following items were purchased: (a) monitoring

equipment; (b) computers; and (c) containment depots.

**CIVIL WORKS:** Firms have already been contracted for the civil works. The following

works were contracted out: (a) greenland landfill; (b) the compost

facility transfer station; (c) the bulky waste facility; and (d) road

rehabilitation works.

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